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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	10/051,976
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	Art Unit	1651
	Examiner Name	D. Naff
	Attorney Docket Number	282172000902

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (12 pages)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (3 pages)
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
(Declaration of Derek J. HEI (2 pages))
- iv. ☒ Other Fee Transmittal (1 page + copy); Request for Extension of Time (1 page); Form PTO-1449 (2 pages + Copy); Eighteen (18) References; Return Receipt Postcard
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 08/11/2004 BABRAHA1 00000075 031952 10051976
- iii. ☐ Other 01 FC:1801 770.00 DA
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR THE
REMOVAL OF PSORALENS FROM BLOOD
PRODUCTS

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The present application is under appeal. A petition for a four month extension of time for submitting the appeal brief accompanies this Request, extending the date for acting in this application from April 5, 2004 to August 5, 2004. The accompanying Request for Continuing Examination and this Amendment are therefore filed timely.

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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